

Mon. Aug 17, 1953

Dear Jackie and Jim,

Your letter came today and we have hearing about all the places you are seeing. The trip to Monticello sounded really wonderful. I can't wait until we can get back there to see you.

We picked Gail up at the airport last week. She saw Gregg graduate and they were allowed to walk around the base for a couple of hours. They just went from one snack bar to another and ate all the time. Gail was able to see him for a short while the next day and then she spent Monday night at the Wilcox's in S.F. and got home Tues. night.

Gregg left immediately for Camp Pendleton in Ocean Side, near San Diego. He will have three weeks in rifle training and now he expects to be there the rest of the time which is up into December so he doesn't think he will be going to any other base. He expects a leave

in October and will come up here, and then he and Gail will both leave in the Carnaudia back to his base. I just talked to Gail and she said Gregg is expected home Oct. 7th for his leave but he still doesn't know for sure where he will be picking out his time. She is coming over tomorrow and spend the rest of the week here.

Friday we went to the races. For each race everyone in the group put in a dollar and each one had a turn to pick the horse. We also bet individually if we felt like it. Every horse I bet on came in. My individual bets all won except I'm no gambler so I only would bet on show so I at least won instead of lost. The last race everyone wanted me to pick the horse but I wouldn't do it because I had planned to choose galloping Jim and that horse was the lowest one on the list. No one wanted to bet on him

but I made my own bet. on show
of course and Galloping Jim come
in first. The odds were so much
against him that I won seven
dollars.

Saturday Night Woodhead come
over for dinner and bridge Sunday
Night Mary and Mike come over and
we played bridge.

I think you two will really
enjoy bridge lessons. You absolutely
will learn how to play and you
will love it. After learning the
basics you can start on playing
duplicate and that is when you
really learn. I am really excited
about that. However with school
and work it won't be easy to
take the time for bridge lessons.

Tomorrow I start my art class.
Since the other Sunday Class at the
Ball. C. C. come on my advanced class
right I signed up for a decorative
art class. It should be interesting.

Saturday Mary has tickets for Bob,
Gail and me for the Bird. Bye Cocktail
party at Debbie's house. More later
Love, Mom.